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Police emergency service is not of much use to victims of sexual abuse: 30 seconds goes in explaining which language one wants and 10 seconds in message of warning against prank calls

YOUR EMERGENCY CALL IS ON HOLD

Abuse victims hardly manage to get any time to even make call, let alone send location, activists say

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Earlier this week, when an activist and a victim of sexual abuse tried to reach out to emergency services, including 112, they found that help was hard to come by.

According to the activist Brinda Adige the NGOs didn't pick up the call because of the odd hour, but unfortunately even 112 police emergency service wasn't of much help. Adige blames this on the impractical functioning of the 112 service.

She adds that in eight out of 10

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"There are different people in the department who know different languages and we forward the call to the person concerned. Protection officers are being trained continuously

—Police Commissioner B Dayananda

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Grate fall

Uneven grate proves lethal to 2-wheeler rider, putting spotlight on dangerous infra

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Thirsty city

Will drawing water from Hemavathi river fulfil Bengaluru's drinking needs?

2 THINGS TO DO

01 Concert corner

Don't miss singer-songwriter Gajendra Verma's enchanting live performance at Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield this weekend. He takes the stage on July 22 at 5 pm. Known for hits like 'Tera Ghata' and 'Emptiness - Tune Mere Jaana', Verma is set to captivate the audience with his soulful voice and mesmerizing music. Secure your tickets on BookMyShow for this must-attend event.
When: July 22, 5 pm
Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield

02 Sunday fun-day

Join EarthlingsComedyTheatre for Stand-Up Comedy open mics from July 23 to August 20! Head to the stairs opposite the High Court of Karnataka, inside Cubbon Park (not the outside gate), every Sunday morning at 8.30 am. Enjoy the wit and humour of budding stand-up comedians from the city as they test their new and old material. For more info, visit Bookmyshow or message EarthlingsComedyTheatre on Instagram.
When: July 23 – August 20; Where: Cubbon Park

MBA Fintech Programme

Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru, in collaboration with National Stock Exchange Academy, Mumbai, launched the MBA Fintech Programme on July 20. The program aims to bridge the skills-talent gap and prepare professionals for the finance

industry's tech-focused future. Ranganathan S, Associate Vice President, NSE Academy, highlighted the significance of technology in management studies, and Shri Abhilash Misra, Chief Executive Officer, praised the institution's dedication to the New Education Policy. The MoU for the MBA Fintech program between KJC and NSE Academy was signed on this occasion.

ANTI-antibiotic resistance

IISc researchers develop short peptide capable of poisoning key enzyme in disease-causing bacteria, including the deadly antibiotic-resistant kind

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Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a short peptide capable of poisoning a key enzyme in disease-causing bacteria, including some of the most deadly and antibiotic-resistant species.

Made from a short stretch of about 24 amino acids, the peptide mimics the action of a natural toxin that inhibits a class of enzymes called topoisomerase. Among the most widely used antibiotics are fluoroquinolones, such as ciprofloxacin, which target these topoisomerases. However, overuse of these antibiotics worldwide has led to the alarming rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, prompting scientists to pursue alternative strategies and molecules.

"Topoisomerases form a covalent adduct – an intermediate complex – with the bacterial DNA, to coil or uncoil it. The peptide developed by the IISc team binds to this adduct and 'traps' it in place, kicking off a cascade of events that lead to cell death," explained Raghavan Varadarajan, professor at the Molecular Biophysics Unit (MBU) and one of the corresponding authors of the study. This is similar to how a natural toxin called CcdB, produced by certain other bacteria and plasmids, works.

The peptide is said to mimic the action of a natural toxin that inhibits a class of enzymes known as topoisomerase

"The full-length CcdB protein is large. It is not feasible to use it as a drug in its entirety," said Jayantika Bhowmick, the first author of the study. Instead, the researchers snipped out a small stretch from the tail end of this protein and added a few more amino acids that would allow the new peptide to enter bacterial cells. The peptide design was carried out by the lab of Jayanta Chatterjee, a professor at MBU.

> **"The peptide was found to block a specific type of topoisomerase – an enzyme called DNA gyrase in many of them** – Manish Nag, a PhD student at MBU

The team then tested the new peptide's effect on the growth of several disease-causing bacterial species, including E coli, Salmonella Typhimurium, Staphylococcus aureus, and a multidrug-resistant strain of Acinetobacter baumannii, both in cell culture and animal models, in collaboration with the lab of Dipshikha Chakravortty, Professor at the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology (MCB). They also compared the effect of their peptide against clinical doses of ciprofloxacin.

"Depending on the species, the peptide was found to block a specific type of topoisomerase – an enzyme called DNA gyrase in many of them," explained Manish Nag, a PhD student at MBU and another author. In animal models, the peptide drastically reduced infection. "In most cases, we saw that the decline in the bacterial count in major organs following peptide treatment was higher than in the ciprofloxacin-treated group. That was pretty encouraging to us," says Bhowmick. For example, in animals infected with antibiotic-resistant Acinetabacter baumannii, the peptide treatment caused an 18-fold reduction in bacterial load in the liver, compared to only a three-fold reduction by ciprofloxacin. The peptide was also found to be relatively safe and did not cause toxic reactions in the animals.

Since the peptide binds to a different site on the bacterial enzyme than ciprofloxacin, the researchers believe that it provides leads for identification of drugs that can be used as a combination therapy with existing antibiotics. Varadarajan adds that the study also reinforces the importance of targeting topoisomerases as a valid approach to finding new antibiotics.

Minister slams schools dropping Kannada

CBSE school stops teaching Kannada from class eight, sparking debate

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A CBSE school in the city recently decided to stop teaching Kannada from class eight and asked parents to sign a petition, which went viral on social media. Culture minister Shivaraj S Tangadagi spoke out against the same in a conversation with the media on Tuesday. He said that it has come to their notice that some educational institutions are not teaching Kannada as their second language. "As a culture minister, I have written a letter to the minister for primary and secondary education, Madhu Bangarappa, for all schools to give first priority to Kannada. All schools in the state have to implement this, and removing Kannada is not an option."

He reiterated that all schools 'have to continue Kannada as one of the subjects', and they would not allow the removal of the same. "Whether it is my government or the local minister, we are discussing bringing a law on the same," he added.

Bangalore Mirror spoke to the general secretary of KAMS Karnataka, Mr D Shashi Kumar. KAMS is a 35-year-old association, an original petitioner in the language policy. It addresses various issues with the government, High Court, and Supreme Court. "Every school in Karnataka has to follow the rules of the Karnataka education department curriculum. In ICSE, board imposing Kannada is fine. But there is some ambiguity within the languages whether it should be the first, second, or third. There is some conflict regarding that. This has to be addressed by the board when it comes to classes nine and 10." He said when it comes to classes one to eight, within the available options, the school should make Kannada a second or third language compulsorily. Disputing this at that level is not acceptable, he argued. He also said that parents have a choice in selecting subjects, but there is a limit to the number of choices.

"Wherever there is a provision, and within Karnataka, it is the rule to have one subject which is 'expected'. This will definitely help students in the primary classes when they are here in the state, and it is essential. It is the 'law of the Karnataka land'. There is some uncertainty which has to be addressed by the

respective boards and not individual schools. It should not be left to the individual parents as well." He said Kannada is not being imposed entirely, but is just one subject, and there is a choice based on the age and grade of the child. Kumar added that there is some ambiguity regarding the government imposing Kannada as compulsory (first or second language). That would go against the Supreme Court. The Kannada Language Learning Act, which was implemented in 2015, states that schools have to teach Kannada as either the first or second language.

Lethal grating at underpass almost claims a life

2-wheeler rider falls; hospital bills put family in debt

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This is the state of a grate at the underpass on Dhanavantari road; Srinivasan and wife (inset)

Do you think gratings installed near underpasses are safe for two-wheeler riders? Clearly not, as these gratings installed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) engineers to drain accumulated water at the underpasses have become danger zones for unwary two-wheeler riders.

A grating installed at the underpass on Dhanvantari Road nearly claimed the life of a 54-year-old man, who fell when his two-wheeler skid due to uneven grating.

"I was proceeding towards Basavanagudi from Dodda Bommasandra near Vidyaranyapura on my two-wheeler to perform pooja at a housewarming ceremony," said Srinivasan HG, a priest who works at a local temple and also assists other priests in conducting poojas. He said that there was no traffic since it was early morning. "A bus was coming behind me at a high speed. I tried to move left to give way to the speeding bus. I did not notice the uneven grating at the spot. I fell when my two-wheeler skid due to the uneven grating. My face was bleeding. I called a relative, who got me admitted to Narayana Super Speciality Hospital at Malleswaram," said Srinivasan.

The incident took place in the wee hours of June 8. Srinivasan was admitted to the hospital at 5.56 am on June 8 and got discharged on June 17. During the stay in the hospital, Srinivasan underwent facial surgery. His wife Nandini, a homemaker, has to borrow money from relatives and friends to pay the medical bill of Rs 4.50 lakh.

The couple did not know that they had to lodge a complaint with the jurisdictional police against the authorities responsible for the uneven grating at the underpass. Srinivasan went home thanking the almighty for enabling him to recover.

However, the couple's joy was short-lived. Srinivasan has to be readmitted to the hospital due to urinary infection. He got admitted to the hospital on July 14 for treatment. Nandini has to again approach her friends and relatives seeking their help to clear medical bills of Rs 2 lakh.

"I do not know how to repay the loans availed from friends and relatives. We live in a rented house, and we have to pay the rent without fail. I paid the house rent during my husband's stay in the hospital," said Nandini.

When asked whether they have lodged a complaint with the police, she said she did not know about the formalities. "My focus was on arranging money for the medical bill. I have to be grateful to the hospital for giving us discount when my husband got admitted to the hospital for the second time. It will be a great help if the BBMP lent us a helping hand," she said.

Derogatory skit: High Court relief for students

The High Court of Karnataka has granted an interim stay on the proceedings against seven students and two faculty members of Jain University in a case in which they were accused of performing a 'derogatory' skit against Dalits and BR Ambedkar.

The stay on the proceedings against the students was granted on Wednesday, while the stay on the proceedings against faculty members who had filed a separate petition was granted earlier on July 5.

The students are accused of performing a derogatory skit against Dalits and B R Ambedkar and were booked under sections of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act following a complaint filed by the assistant director of the Social Welfare Department.

The seven students of the Jain Deemed-to-be-University Institution performed what they have termed a "satirical drama skit which revolves around the reservation system prevailing in society", in their college on February 8, 2023.

The performance was held at the NIMHANS Convention Centre. The complaint was filed on February 10 and an FIR was registered the same day.

Jain University students' play was satire, their petition claimed

Two separate petitions filed were heard by the single-judge bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna.

The performance of the skit by the students was part of the Jain University Youth Fest-23.

Along with the petition, a recording of the skit in a compact disk has been presented before the HC.

The HC has adjourned the hearing of the petition after granting the interim stay on Wednesday.

"The Mad-ads performed by the petitioners is an expression of a bona fide opinion which is satire. Satirical literature has been in existence from time immemorial, which is meant for criticism of an idea, concept, policy or even a particular person through humour to highlight a point. Such a communication of dissent or opinion is protected under the Freedom of Speech and Expression guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution of India," the petition said.

The students had earlier been arrested by police in connection with the case and later released on bail. **PTI**

Terror arrest: Ready-to-use hand grenades found

The Bengaluru terror plot is becoming more intriguing as the Central City Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths have recovered four ready to use hand grenades from the residence of the suspected terrorists who have been arrested. Sources revealed that the terror elements wanted to strike Bengaluru on or before August 15.

CCB Joint Police Commissioner Sharanappa SD said on Thursday that the team which nabbed the suspected terrorists has seized four hand grenades from the residence of the terror suspects in Kodigehalli locality of Bengaluru. One of the terror suspects, who received the package, did not know about hand grenades, he said. The grenades were stored in the secret locker of an almirah in one of the rooms of the house. The suspected terrorists had used chemical powder to keep the grenades safe and prevent them from exploding, Joint Commissioner Sharanappa stated. There are more suspects and action has been initiated. The investigation was conducted in different dimensions, he added.

Joint Commissioner Sharanappa explained that the five arrested suspected terrorists were produced before the court and taken into police custody for seven days. Sources explained that fifth accused in the case Jaheed Tabrez received the consignment of hand grenades from the kingpin Mohammad Junaid, who is operating from Afghanistan border areas. The sources also said that the plot was to carry out a major strike in Bengaluru on or before August 15. The terror outfits wanted to give a message to the government on various issues, including ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI), police claim. **IANS**

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Quest to quench continues

MLA suggests drawing Hemavathi water to fulfil Bengaluru's drinking needs

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This is not the first time politicians have demanded water from distant sources; In 2018, G Parameshwara has announced plans for a detailed report to assess feasibility of drawing Sharavathi water to Bengaluru

Jayanagar MLA CK Ramamurthy has ignited a debate by suggesting that Hemavathi water should be drawn to fulfil the city's drinking water needs. In a recent debate in the legislative council, Ramamurthy proposed this alternate plan since Bengaluru currently depends on the Cauvery and there is still uncertainty about drawing water from the Yettinahole project.

This is not the first time politicians have demanded water from distant sources.

In 2018, the then Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara announced plans for a detailed project report to assess the feasibility of drawing Sharavathi water to Bengaluru. The proposal involved supplying Sharavathi water from the Linganamakki dam to Yagachi reservoir and connecting it to Bengaluru via pipes.

The recommendation was based on former Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) chairman BN Thyagaraja's advice to utilise up to 30 TMC feet of Sharavathi water.

The government has explored various water sources for the city, including the proposal to obtain 12 TMC feet of water from the Krishna River and the controversial Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Project that is ongoing.

This project has faced criticism from environmentalists and experts who warned that drawing one-third of the reservoir's water would effectively reduce the power generation by half, resulting in a loss of 350 MW out of the dam's total generation capacity of 1,100 MW. The proposal aimed to meet Bengaluru's estimated demand of 2,095 million litres per day (MLD) by 2021.

Jayanagar MLA CK Ramamurthy proposed this plan since the city depends on the Cauvery and there is uncertainty about drawing water from Yettinahole project

Regardless of whether it is Sharavathi or Hemavathi, there are logistical challenges with such projects. Pumping water from long distances would necessitate the construction of multiple water lines, including passing through forest areas. This could potentially pose a problem with the central forest ministry, and environmentalists might file a court case to halt the project due to its impact on biodiversity. Historically, Bengaluru's quest for a dedicated water source can be traced back to the stories of Arkavathi.

In 1891, with a population of 1.8 lakh, the then Mysore Dewan K Seshadri Iyer initiated the construction of Chamarajendra Water Works at Hesaraghatta across the Arkavathi river to cater to a projected population of 2.5 lakh with an annual growth of 16 %.

However, by 1918, the population had already reached 2.5 lakh, resulting in an acute shortage in 1925 when the Hesaraghatta Lake went dry.

Subsequently, the Sir M Visvesvaraya committee identified Tippagondanahalli, which was commissioned in 1933 and later modified to serve a population of one million in 1956.

As even the Chamaraja Sagar reservoir proved insufficient, the government resorted to Cauvery water.

Kantharaj Commission report faces flak

Organisation criticises CM for announcing his government's support for the same

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Inset: Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Meesalathi Horata Samithi president Dr Ganam Srikantaiah and other members

Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Meesalathi Horata Samithi came down heavily on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for announcing the government's decision to accept the Kantharaj Commission's report on caste-based reservation in the state.

Speaking with media persons at the Press Club on Thursday, Samithi president Dr Ganam Srikantaiah said the CM, while presenting the State Budget in the Assembly, stated that Karnataka is a garden of peace for people belonging to different castes. Srikantaiah expressed concerns that harmony among the Vokkaligas and Lingayats in the state would be jeopardised if the Kantharaj Commission's report is implemented. He said, "It creates problems among the different sections of these two communities in the state."

> **"The report has not only classified Vokkaligas as a forward caste but has also reduced their population percentage**
>
> – Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Meesalathi Horata Samith president

Srikantaiah pointed out that previous committees like Nagana Gowda Committee (1960), Havanur Commission (1975), and other commissions have stated that the percentage of Vokkaligas in the state is between 12 and 14 %. He continued, "According to reliable sources, the Kantharaj Commission report has not only classified Vokkaligas as a forward caste but has also reduced their percentage of the population to 8 %. If the government accepts or implements the Kantharaj Commission report, Vokkaligas will not get reservation in politics and education."

He suggested that a retired judge should head the Commission constituted for reservation purposes, stating, "Kantharaj belongs to a particular caste (Kuruba). So, the Kantharaj Commission report is not trustworthy, and the government has to reject it."

Srikantaiah emphasised that the Kantharaj Commission prepared the report based on the social and economic status of people. He argued, "A report on reservation should be made based on caste-based census. The state government has no authority to conduct a caste-based census. Therefore, the Commission report is against the law."

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Animal abuse?

Magrath Road

Distressing relocation of animals can be seen in this picture on Magrath Road.

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Mosquito menace

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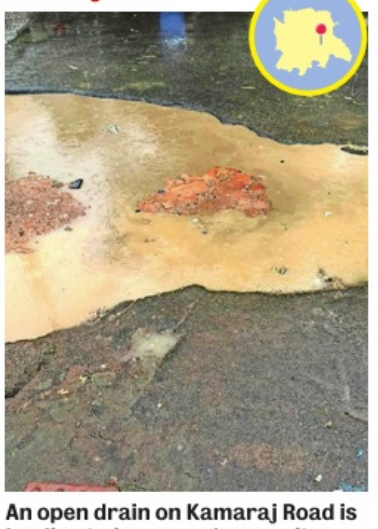

An open drain on Kamaraj Road is leading to increased mosquito breeding and stench. Work has been incomplete here for 2 years.

Auto drivers turn vandals, trash bike taxi company office

Drivers gatecrash event for safety at company; post pictures of their act on social media

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A group of autorickshaw drivers in Bengaluru recently wreaked havoc on the city's streets in a frightening display of lawlessness and complete disdain for public safety. These drivers attacked an office of a bike taxi company, vandalised autorickshaws, and even proudly posted pictures of their deeds on social media. They were members of the autorickshaw unions.

The incident took place on July 18 on 5th Main Rd, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, HSR Layout.

Following the attack, a petitioner named Reddy Prasad lodged a formal complaint with the HSR Layout police station.

The incident took place when Ad-factors was approached for an activity for the bike taxi company, an initiative to enhance passenger safety by installing seat belts in their autorickshaws. As part of that initiative, the company was distributing seat belts, rain curtains for autos and charging points. During the activity, a few members of Bangalore Sarathi Sene Auto Union forcefully entered the campaign activity and started threatening the company employees. The employees were beaten and threatened for life, claims the victim.

"The trigger for this heinous act of destruction, instead of appreciating and supporting this commendable step towards safeguarding the lives of riders and passengers, the autorickshaw unions responded with an outburst of rage and violence. They view any change or alternative as a threat to their livelihood, stubbornly refusing to acknowledge the evolving demands of the city's residents," said Chiththarthan from Ad-factors.

Members of an autorickshaw union were upset about campaign to install seat belts in autos

> **"Instead of supporting this step towards safeguarding the lives of riders and passengers, the auto unions responded with an outburst of rage**
> –Chiththarthan, Ad-factors

The autorickshaw unions have long been hostile towards bike taxis in Bengaluru, resenting their growing popularity among the masses.

"This recent incident demonstrates the unions' audacity and complete disregard for law and order, even when confronted with alternative modes of transportation that offer regularised, convenient, and affordable services to the public. It is disheartening to witness these unions prioritising their self-interest over the well-being and convenience of the city's commuters," he added.

Minister plans floating solar panels for energy savings

Karnataka Minor Irrigation Minister N S Bose Raju on Thursday said his department is exploring the possibility of installing floating solar panels in lakes in order to reduce dependency on electricity.

According to Minister Raju, 483 lift irrigation projects are coming under the Minor Irrigation Department. "We are paying electricity charges to the tune of Rs 10 crore to Rs 12 crore per month. With a view to reducing the dependency on energy and saving this amount, we are exploring the possibility of installing floating solar panels in all the lakes. We are finding out ways and means to reduce electricity dependency. Discussions are taking place in that direction," Raju said.

Speaking to reporters he said the thought process is already on to ensure overall development of the department including increasing groundwater recharge, conservation of tanks and lakes, and preventing their encroachment. The minister also said that a decision has been taken to undertake a survey of all lakes in the state in order to remove encroachments and conserve the water bodies. "A direction to this effect has been given to all the Deputy Commissioners. We will also take steps to recharge groundwater in K C Valley and H N Valley lift irrigation projects in the districts of Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts," he added.

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Banashankari residents to call on pollution board for help

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After staging multiple protests in the past and raising issues regarding the wet waste processing unit in the area with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the residents of Banashankari 6th stage have now decided to knock on the doors of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).

"KSPCB is the agency that has granted permission to BBMP to operate the wet waste processing unit in a residential area. There is a lack of monitoring in and around the unit and BBMP has been generating false reports of air and water pollution. We raised a complaint with KSPCB a week ago when the leachate from the unit was entering Sompura Lake. A group of residents will soon meet the chairman of the board seeking solutions to the problems arising from the unit," said TS Mahesh, president of Banashankari 6th stage Residents' welfare association.

Banashankari 6th stage residents at a protest

Residents say while the leachate is not entering the stormwater drains in the area anymore, health concerns due to stench emanating from the unit still remain.

"A week ago, BBMP was allowing leachate in SWDs and thus it was entering Sompura Lake. While this has stopped now, could smell lingers in the air giving us health-related concerns. There are residents in the area facing health issues due to unhygienic conditions created by the unit, but, it is difficult to establish this for a fact," added Mahesh.

Locals fear bad days ahead once the unit starts functioning at its full capacity. They rue that the complaints raised with the area MLA have fallen on deaf ears so far.

"Currently, only a few vehicles are coming in with wet waste, and the plant is not functioning at its full capacity. However, BBMP authorities have given instructions to the officials to use the unit at its full capacity. Once that happens, this place will become inhabitable. The local MLA has not been of great help either. False promises were made to the residents during elections. If KSPCB does not initiate any action, residents will stage another protest," said Rashmi, another resident.

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Lake is black, green, anything but blue

Water quality of Yelachenahalli Lake slumps; polluted water at inlet area added threat

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The inlet area of the Yelachenahalli lake is filled with black, polluted water that may flow in to the lake when it rains

Yelachenahalli Lake, also known as Annappana Kere, once known for its thriving biodiversity, is now facing multiple challenges that threaten its ecosystem. The small lake, spanning under 15 acres, was rich with vegetation and horticultural enhancements, making it a green and vibrant space. However, lake activists and residents have observed a decline in the number of bird species visiting the lake due to the deteriorating maintenance at the lake premises.

Since 2020, a total of 32 bird species have been documented at Yelachenahalli Lake. However, in 2022, the number dropped to 21, signaling a worrisome trend. Data for 2023 is currently unavailable, leaving the extent of the decline unclear. One of the observations by bird watchers was the sighting of a Painted Stork, classified as a Near Threatened species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), underscoring the ecological importance of the lake.

Raghavendra B Pachhapur, senior project lead and lake activist, said, "The Yelachenahalli Lake has a history of fishkill. Last year on May 11, a large number of small fish died pointing at a possible chemical contamination at the lake.We are not sure if the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) further probed into this incident."

This apart, the lake activist observed that the water quality of the lake has also been a matter of distress. Over the past 12 months, the water has consistently been categorised as Class-D for nine months and Class-E for one month. The present condition of the water is alarming, with visible algal bloom spreading across the surface, indicating poor water quality.

Raghavendra added, "Maintenance of lakes during monsoon is an area of concern. I visited the lake in May this year to assess the status of the storm water drain and inlets as part of keeping the lake monsoon ready. I had highlighted the issues and requested the BBMP to take up the maintenance work, but no action was taken."

According to him, thick black polluted water is lying in the inlet area waiting to be pushed to the lake during the next spell of rain. "The wetland hosts all plastic and solid waste, presently the wetland water is algae rich and has a layer of green on it. Biological activity within the water is a natural process and doesn't happen overnight. Neglect of inlet maintenance and allowing pollutants to enter into the lake have led to the present condition."

Residents of areas nearby asked why despite considerable financial investments by the BBMP towards lake maintenance, Yelachenahalli Lake's water quality suffers. "The BBMP need to address these concerns promptly to safeguard the ecology here," said one resident.

Oppn boycotts Assembly, Speaker meets Governor

The opposition BJP and the JD(S) boycotted the proceedings of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Thursday, a day after the Speaker suspended 10 BJP members for the remainder of the session, for their "indecent and disrespectful" conduct in the House.

A joint delegation of both parties also petitioned Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot regarding the "functioning" of the Congress government in the state, its "suppressive and dictatorial" nature, and also the conduct of the Speaker UT Khader.

Speaker Khader too met the Governor along with Deputy Speaker Rudrappa Lamani and submitted to him a report regarding the proceedings in the assembly on Wednesday.

The BJP and the JD(S) MLAs who skipped the ongoing assembly session on Thursday, held a meeting of its legislators separately.

BJP legislators then staged a sit-in demonstration in front of the Gandhi statue at Vidhana Soudha and raised slogans against the government and the Speaker.

Later, they took out a march under the leadership of former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to Raj Bhavan, where they were joined by JD(S) MLAs, led by former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, and submitted a memorandum to the Governor.

Bommai said: "The Governor heard us in detail and said that he is speaking to the Chief Secretary and is getting a report, and that he will also be speaking to the Legislature Secretary and give appropriate directions."

Speaking to reporters, he said, "We will boycott the Assembly tomorrow also and take the issues to the people. JD(S) leaders have also spoken to us, and on all issues concerning people we will fight together both inside and outside the Assembly."

Tomorrow also BJP members will stage a 'satyagraha' in front of Gandhi statue, and on Saturday BJP will hold a protest at all district centres, he added.

The assembly session began on July 3 and is slated to end on July 21 (tomorrow). Kumaraswamy said that Wednesday's developments and the way in which the House was conducted was disappointing.

"This government wanted to demolish the opposition parties. So we have joined with BJP to work together on the floor against the Congress's misdeeds," he said, adding that the opposition has petitioned the Governor on a host of issues, especially the way in which this government is being run.

Speaker Khader, who met the Governor earlier in the day before the opposition delegation meeting, said he and the Deputy Speaker met Gehlot and informed him about the developments in the House yesterday, and also submitted a report in this regard. "We also sought his (Governor's) guidance for the smooth conduct of the House," he said.

Hitting out at the opposition for their boycott and protests, Deputy Chief Minister and state Congress chief DK Shivakumar alleged that BJP leaders have resorted to "goondaism" due to frustration and threw papers at a "Dalit Deputy Speaker" who was on the Chair on Wednesday. -PTI

No time for emergency

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cases, even reaching the police is a challenge because the phone is always the first one to be snatched off and thrown out and even if the victim gets hold of a phone, they don't have more than 40 seconds.

"When you call 112, it takes almost 30 seconds in telling them what language you want, and then 10 seconds for the warning message that if it's a prank call action will be taken. If I am the victim, and I somehow get hold of a phone, I want someone to listen to me in those 40 seconds. We don't have the technology to locate the victim in the next 15-20 minutes, or even half an hour, so attending the call and knowing the location becomes important," said Brinda.

Advocate Supriya Mehta agreed that the time taken to respond is way too much."Forty seconds is enough for someone to commit a crime. Also, the whole purpose of the emergency services is that the victim gets in touch with someone who can help immediately. In cases of sexual abuse, even if the person gets hold of a phone, they might not have enough time to send their location."

As for NGOs, Adige explained that most cannot afford to run 24*7, but police have got the Nirbhaya funding, and they say that they have specially trained people who respond to these cases, but there are no specially trained people. "It's the cops themselves and the so-called protection officers or welfare officers, who sit in police stations. They are not trained as they have just graduated from college and they have no backing. Let us assume if somebody even wants to help someone out of choice, the person doesn't know who else to contact because the victim requires shelter, requires immediate intervention and attention, and because the cops are not trained, they are unable to extend all of it," added Brinda.

Commissioner of Police B Dayananda told BM that asking for language is essential else it would be difficult for the victim to communicate.

"There are different people in the department who know different languages and we forward the call to the person concerned. If the victim wants to speak in Tamil, we have people to communicate in that language," he said.

The commissioner adds that he has not received any feedback from people saying that the protection officers are not doing their work properly. "They are continuously getting trained," he assured.

Adige said that when the 112 services were started four years ago, activists were invited for brainstorming and the activists said that when someone calls the emergency service, they should be assured that someone is going to get in touch with them.

"This means they should have had the numbers of NGOs or experts, or social workers, and others who had given their names voluntarily to be contacted in their records. But, all of that is not there. So, they do not have any support system in place and the police sitting there do not respond to the call in the manner that we would want," she said.

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After-shock: PM breaks his silence on Manipur

Women paraded naked: Guilty will not be spared, says Modi as Congress responds with, PM remarks 'too little, too late'

#New Delhi

In his first public comments on the situation in Manipur, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday expressed pain and anger over an incident of two women being paraded naked in the state, saying it has shamed 140 crore Indians and asserted that the guilty will not be spared even as the Congress termed his remarks "too little, too late".

As the video of the incident of May 4 became viral, triggering nationwide outrage, the BJP and the Congress engaged in a verbal duel with the ruling party questioning the timing of the video surfacing on social media ahead of the Parliament's Monsoon Session and the opposition party asking the government to stop acting like "all is well".

Ahead of the session, Modi told reporters that the guilty in the "shameful" incident will not be spared and will face the full might of the law no matter who they were. Modi's remarks on the situation in Manipur, which has witnessed ethnic violence since May 3, also came amid opposition demands for a statement by the Prime Minister and a discussion in Parliament. The Congress also demanded the removal of state chief minister N Biren Singh.

"Today, when I am standing by this temple of democracy my heart is full of pain and anger. The incident in Manipur that has come to light is shameful. This incident will put any civilised society to shame," Modi said. "The sinners and criminals, no matter who they are or how many there are, but the entire nation is disgraced. 140 crore people of the country are put to shame," the PM said.

Members of Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) take part in a protest rally, in Churachandpur district, Manipur, on Thursday

Modi's remarks come amid opposition demands for a statement by PM and a discussion in the House

Modi appealed to all chief ministers to further strengthen the law and order mechanism, especially in the cases of crimes against women. "Be it an incident in Rajasthan, be it an incident in Chhattisgarh, or be it an incident in Manipur, in any corner of the country or any state ruled by anybody, the majesty of the law and dignity of women should be upheld," he said. "I want to assure the citizens, no criminal will be spared. The law will take steps with its full might," the Prime Minister said.

Hitting out at Modi, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said,"after more than 1800 hours of an incomprehensible and unforgivable silence, the Prime Minister finally spoke in Manipur for a total of 30 seconds". – PTI

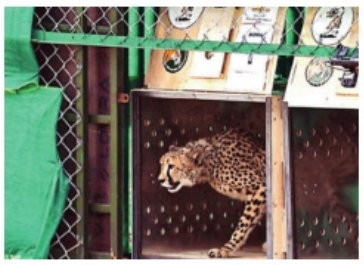
Apex court concerned about death of cheetahs

#New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Thursday expressed its concern on the death of cheetahs in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh and asked the Centre to take some positive steps regarding this. However, Centre apprised the top court that 50 per cent deaths on translocation is normal. A bench of Justices BR Gavai, JB Pardiwala and Prashant Kumar Mishra made these observations while hearing the issue related to the death of cheetahs.

Taking note of the deaths of two cheetahs last week, the court asked the Centre why were they making it a prestige issue. The court also questioned why the cheetahs are put in one place. The court suggested the Centre take some positive steps.

Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, representing the government, responded to the court that they are doing their best efforts for the project. She apprised the court that 50 per cent of deaths on translocation are normal.



The court sought to know the issue of whether they are suited to the climate or facing Kidney or respiratory issues or not. ASG replied that the infections were leading to the deaths. The court remarked that one of the sanctuaries in Rajasthan is known for leopards and suggested the court consider this aspect.

Twelve cheetahs from South Africa arrived in February in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park after South Africa signed a MoU on cooperation in the re-introduction of cheetahs in India to establish a viable cheetah population here. – ANI

37 passengers placed in 'No Fly List' till Jul 15

#New Delhi

The civil aviation ministry on Thursday said 37 passengers have been placed in the 'No Fly List' this year till July 15, and the action was taken mainly for not wearing masks or for not obeying the instructions of crew members.

In recent times, there has been an increase in the number of incidents involving unruly air passengers. Minister of State for Civil Aviation VK Singh told the Lok Sabha that a total of 63 passengers were placed in the 'No Fly List' during the year 2022 for varying periods as recommended by an airline's internal committee.

"In 2023, 37 passengers have been placed in "No Fly List" upto 15.07.2023. The majority of the passengers placed in 'No Fly List' were for violation related to not wearing masks or not obeying the instructions of the crew members," he said in a written reply. To a query on whether the government plans to widen the ambit of the powers of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to tackle such incidents, the minister replied in the negative.

"No State wise/ UT wise classification of incidents is maintained by DGCA since the majority of the incidents takes place mid-air during the flight," he said. – PTI

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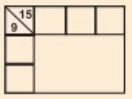
FARNAZ

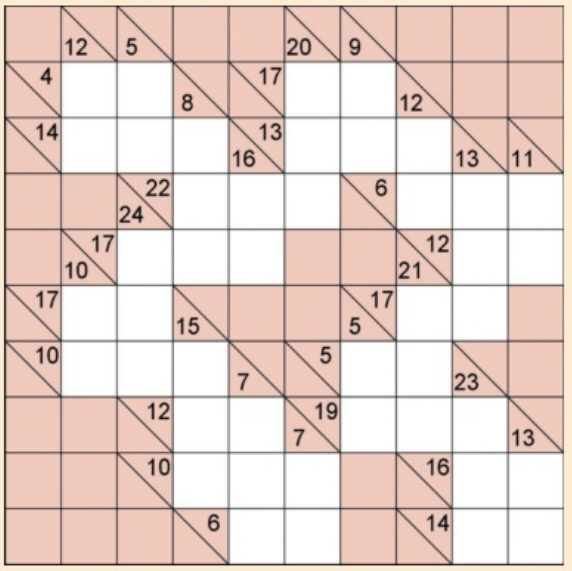
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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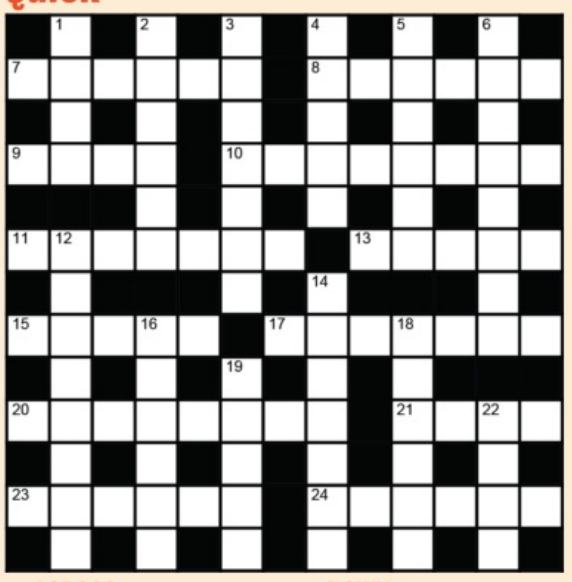


ACROSS

7 Ms Chaudhary of Bollywood (6)
8 Departed (6)
9 Juice of the grape (4)
10 __ ___ area : less reputable or more dangerous area of a city? (3,5)
11 Accommodation (7)
13 River of Spain and Portugal (5)
15 Stores away (5)
17 Prolix (7)
20 Handing over; child birth? (8)
21 Part of a candle (4)
23 Misbehaves or becomes temperamental (4,2)
24 See or observer (4,2)

DOWN

1 Ancient Indian language (4)
2 Metal pins use as fasteners (6)
3 Theatre at Rajaji Nagar (7)
4 Gives on loan (5)
5 Sand basically (6)
6 Six hundred minutes to you? (3,5)
12 Endeavour to contact and help those in need (8)
14 Process for further use (7)
16 Capricious humour (6)
18 Baby's dog (3-3)
19 Pace (5)
22 Cajole (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS C

PHS VYA'N WRYUA BA GVXHHW IXYN NXR IHUWT BG MHBAM NH TH ARDN PRYU.–XRAUP QHUT

Linemaro

Your words are my food, your breath my wine

Mindchow

Dignity consists not in possessing honours, but in the consciousness that we deserve them

Joke of the day

Do you have invisible ink? Certainly, sir. What colour?

Loop

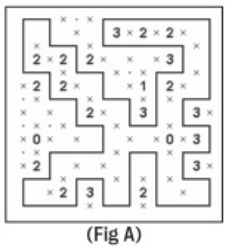
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

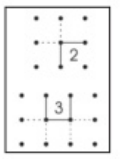
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

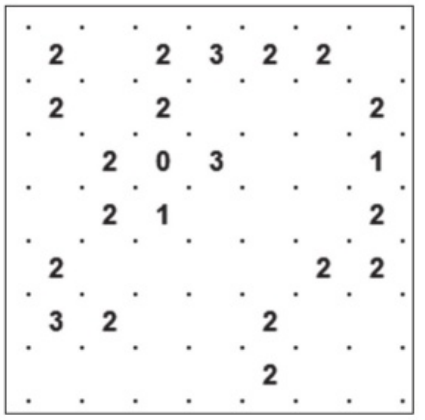
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



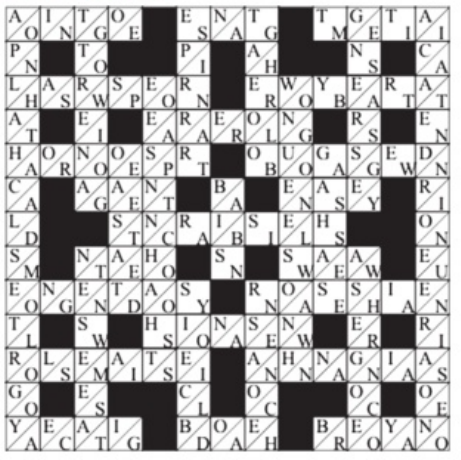
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



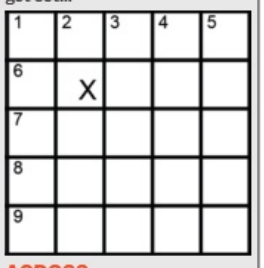
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set....



ACROSS

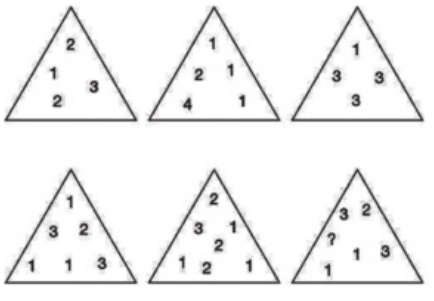
1 Reg be; 6 Ex Doe;
7 Touts; 8 A race;
9 Sawed

DOWN

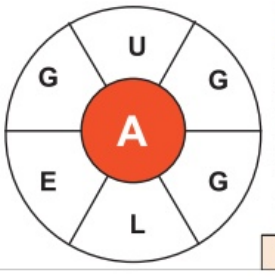
1 Wears; 2 Taxer;
3 Do OBE; 4 Deuce;
5 Gates

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark in the bottom right-hand triangle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	4	2		8		7	3	
	9		5		4		1	
		8	6		1	5		
	1		2	9	8		4	
		4	3		7	1		
	3		9		2		6	
	5	7		1		4	2	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 7
2 2 5 8

Medium = 14
2 5 8 8

Hard = 1
2 5 6 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

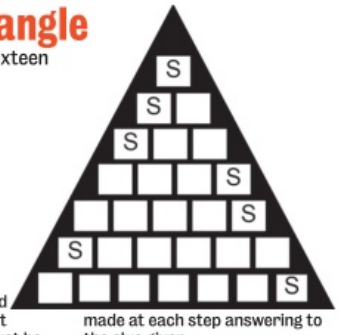
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Coat is shorter. 3. Blanket is added to back of chair. 4. Lampshade is different. 5. Dress is longer. 6. Arm of chair is different.

Riddler

Martin is saving towards a new laptop on which he can play the latest games. In January, he was able to put aside £50. In February he saved £75, and in March he saved £100. The laptop Martin wants to buy is £1,800. If his saving pattern continues, in which month will he finally have saved enough to buy the laptop?

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number Sixteen
2 Thus
3 Male child
4 Ages and ages
5 Short letters
6 14-line verse
7 Chants



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I CAN PROBABLY RUN THE MILE SUPER FAST. I'M SHORT, AND AERODYNAMICALLY, I THINK THAT'S THE BEST.
BUT YOUR PUFF GIVES YOU AN EXTRA THREE INCHES, THOUGH!
ACTUALLY, IT'S CLOSER TO FIVE INCHES!

Crankshaft

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEW OWNER OF THE VALENTINE IS THE MOVIE ACTOR MASON JARRE.
THAT'S TRUE, BUT WE HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING, SO I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT GOT OUT.
I DID MENTION THAT WE'RE A SMALL-TOWN NEWSPAPER.

Mutts

Earl's Puppy Tales
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M BEING LEFT HOME ALONE.
THIS IS CRAZY!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO OPEN THE FRIDGE.
mutts.com

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel healthy, and old health issues may be resolved now. You are likely to win some litigation. You have full control over your opponents and business rivals. Your money, which was stuck, is likely to be recovered now, boosting your liquidity. You may also get a new responsibility at work, which will benefit you in the near future.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today may be mixed. You may be busy with kids' issues, and some couples may likely welcome a newborn baby. Those couples trying for a kid can hear some good news. With the help of wisdom, you may be able to settle disputes in business and social life. Students may plan for overseas education, and job-oriented individuals may make plans for higher studies for a good career.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel disappointment at work, and you might not be able to enjoy your life at any moment. You may face some losses in property matters. It is advised to postpone investments for a while; otherwise, you may face losses. You are also advised to take care of your parents' health.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You are likely to have inner strength, enabling you to make some difficult decisions at work. You may be busy in social gatherings, expanding your network, which may bring future work-related benefits. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy with family matters and may also plan for your child's academics. You may spend money on buying some artifacts and creative stuff to renovate your house. Short trips related to your child's academics are also on the cards. Kids' education may make you upset, and you are advised to avoid any type of addiction, as it may create disturbances in domestic life.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and with the help of courage, you may be able to make good plans and implement them efficiently. However, you are advised to control your overexcitement, as it may lead to mistakes. Make sure to read documents before signing. Your rivals and opponents are now under control.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, your old health issues may arise again, causing anxiety and restlessness. You may become unfocused towards your goals and waste precious time on worthless tasks. Control your spending on unnecessary items, as it may affect your financial health.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, at the beginning of the day, you may not be focused on your work, but with the help of elder's blessings, you may gain control over this messy situation. You may easily find the resources necessary for completing your projects. Your sources of income are likely to increase, and your losses may turn into profits, boosting your financial health.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you can expect a big order from an overseas client, increasing liquidity in your business. You might meet some influential people who can help grow your business. Your bonding with your boss may become stronger, and you may expect promotions due to your hard work, leading to an increase in your prestige.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by your elders, which may bring patience to your thought process, making you happy and calm. You may plan to visit a spiritual place for peace of mind and may also donate some amount for its development. There are chances for an overseas travel opportunity.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel dull and have some health issues that could affect your daily work. You might find yourself under mysterious fear, making you sensitive and emotional. Avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You may feel attracted to occult practices and are advised to visit a spiritual place.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, blessings from the moon may make you happy. You may help needy people and analyse yourself, accepting mistakes in your personal life. Faith in your relationship with your spouse is likely to improve, boosting your confidence. Disputes between partners may be resolved now.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
89.3 + 74.6 − 14.2 = 163.9 − 14.2 = 149.7

BULL'S EYE
aqua, agate, gale, agauge, LUGGAGE

STRIKE OUT

O	N	T	O	S	A	T	M	E
T	I	A	A	R	O	N	R	E
H	A	W	S	E	R	B	E	R
P	O	P	H	N	C			

QUICK

H	Y	O	E	W	X			
A	C	T	S	U	P	L	O	O
A	M	C	W	O	D	E	L	I
R	H	T	C	O	S	E		
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L	E	V	E	R	S			

FAST FIVE

R	E	B	E	G
E	X	O	D	E
A	R	E	C	A
S	T	O	U	T
W	A	D	E	S

RIDDLER
Martin will have enough money for his new laptop in November. The amount he saves increased by £25 each month; in November he will have saved a total of £1,925, enough to buy the £1,800 laptop.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, So, Son, Sons, Notes, Sonnet, Intones.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 − 5 + 8 + 2 = 7
Medium
8 − 5 × 2 + 8 = 14
Hard
5 − 2 + 4 − 6 = 1

MENSA PUZZLE
3: the numbers in successive triangles add up to 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

QUOTE UNCODE
You can't learn in school what the world is going to do next year. – Henry Ford

SUDOKU

8	2	9	4	6	5	3	7	1
6	5	7	8	1	3	4	2	9
4	3	1	9	7	2	8	6	5
9	6	4	3	5	7	1	8	2
3	1	5	2	9	8	6	4	7
2	7	8	6	4	1	5	9	3
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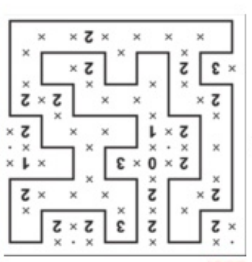

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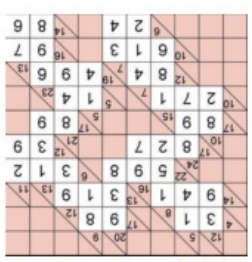

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Crooner Aditya — Aditya Roy Kapur is all set to launch his solo album, In an interview with News 18, the actor revealed that he has been working hard in the studio, preparing to release his album. He stated that music has been a passion and hobby for him

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Sunny Leone reveals the REAL story behind her name

It is a known fact that Sunny Leone named Karenjit Kaur Vohra on birth, when she was living in Canada with her family. She changed her name when she entered the adult entertainment industry in the early 2000s. Recently, Sunny revealed how she ended up with this specific name.

Talking about it in an interview, Sunny Leone mentioned that when she was interviewed by a magazine about her work in the adult industry and they asked her 'what would you want your name to be?'.

Back then, she was working at a tax and retirement firm where she was doing HR duties, as well as accounting work and also working as their receptionist. She had a lot of work in the office that day, so she quickly suggested Sunny as her 'what would you want your name to be?'. The actress revealed that her mother was very upset with her as she chose Sunny as her name as it was the nickname of her brother Sandeep. The magazine's Italian owner chose the name Leone as her second name and she learnt that her new name was Sunny Leone after the magazine was published and she has kept it till date. **— ETimes**

Praise be to co-stars

Actress Mrunal Thakur, who is gearing up for her next 'Hey Ninna', is now looking forward to working with Vijay Devarakonda in the tentatively titled film 'VD 13'. Praising her co-star, she said that with each passing film, the 'Arjun Reddy' star has given memorable characters.

Recently, she announced her next Telugu movie opposite Vijay. She has worked with Nani and Dulquer Salman from the South.

Mrunal said that it is a surreal feeling to have gotten a chance to work with such diverse actors.

She said: "Right from the start when I began working on Sita Ramam, I was instantly welcomed with extreme warmth and love from the people from the south film industry. The industry has some of the finest actors in the country and I am grateful that I am getting a chance to share screen space with them."

"Whether it's Dulquar, Nani and now Vijay, they are such different actors with very different fan bases, it's never a dull day for me on the set." Of Vijay, she said: "I'm looking forward to work with Vijay as I do know we can learn together and from each other as actors. Currently we have started prep." **— IANS**

Meet Sam's new pet

After dogs, Samantha Ruth Prabhu welcomed a cat in her fur family. The actor on Thursday introduced her new pet to her fans in a most adorable way.

The 'Pushpa' actor took to Instagram and shared a picture of herself and her cute cat named Gelato.

In the picture, with a glowing and no filter makeup look, Samantha is seen wearing a red printed night suit and cuddling with her cat.

It seems like her Thursday morning was overloaded with cuteness.

Sharing the picture, she wrote, "Gelato morning to you."

As soon as the picture was posted, the actor's fans flooded the comment section with cute and hilarious messages.

One of the users wrote, "Good morning to you both."

A user asked Samantha about her dogs Hash and Sasha and their reaction. "Sam where is hash and sasha? .. Yesterday they both are feelings jealous about gelato bcz gelato is new member in your house!! Now they both are allowing gelato to sleep with you ah ??" comment read. Another comment read, "Aaaaahhhh I'm soooo happy you got a kitty." **— ANI**

DAVID

2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Shreyas Chinga and Yogambar Bhargav
- **ACTORS** Shreyas Chinga, Rakesh Adiga, Prathap Narayan
- **Duration** 131 minutes
- **Certification** U/A

Love, action and mystery

Shreyas Chinga, who played Basheer in the movie Rang Birangi that released in 2018, debuts as one of the directors with this movie. Shreyas is both hero and director in this movie and has succeeded in accomplishing both tasks to some extent. He along with another director Yogambar Bhargav showcase different locations of Bengaluru in the film.

The movie revolves around three incidents – a tussle between two business partners, a group of carefree youngsters who want to earn money for a lavish life and a divorcee and her wayward brother who would do anything to get money to buy drugs.

Upendra Sharma (Avinash) is the chairman of Sharma Group of Companies. Rathan Shetty had in the past helped Sharma when he was on the verge of becoming bankrupt. Sharma returns the favour by making Shetty his business partner. Shetty, however, asks his son Vikram to assist Sharma. Vikram prefers champagne and women rather than work. Sharma tries to avoid Vikram. Fernandez, a wicked person, joins hands with Vikram and engages David, a contract killer, to eliminate Sharma. At this juncture, the directors introduce a group of youngsters who plan to kidnap Sharma's daughter Shreya for money. Shreya is in love with Gautham (Shreyas Chinga), who prefers to be a loner. The group of youths led by a son of businessman (Rajesh Adiga) kidnaps Shreya. Sharma and another youngster are killed. Who is David and how Gautham succeeds in rescuing his lover from the kidnappers is what David is all about.

Shreyas has acted well. Sara Harish looks pretty but has no scope to showcase her acting skills. Rakesh Adiga, Prathap Narayan and Avinash have given good support. This movie gives a chance for Bullet Prakash's fans as David is his last movie. Bullet Prakash, who passed away three years ago.

You can watch this film to know the ill-effects of drugs and if you are a hardcore fan of the late Bullet Prakash.

—Y Maheswara Reddy